AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of ~~an individual~~ a patient user that uses a network system in which a plurality of hospital terminals, a plurality of user terminals, and a database terminal for managing a database of information concerning medical treatment of [[an]] the patient user are mutually connected via a communication network, the method comprising:

　　　　　providing a hospital with a hospital ID and a hospital password via at least one of the plurality of hospital terminals;

　　　　　providing the patient user via at least one of the plurality of user terminals with a user ID, a user password, a second password, and space for storing information concerning the patient user's medical treatment in the database;

　　　　　notifying at least one of the plurality of hospital terminals of the user ID and the second password of the patient user; [[and]]

　　　　　providing at least one of the plurality of hospital terminals with the patient user's medical treatment information from the database using the user ID, the second password, the hospital ID, and the hospital password as keys[[,]]; and

　　　　　[[store]] storing updated patient user medical treatment information in the database using the user ID, the second password, the hospital ID, and the hospital password as keys.

3. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of a patient user ~~an individual~~ according to claim 2, further comprising receiving the user ID and the user password and displaying the patient user's medical treatment information to the patient user on the database.

4. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of a patient user ~~an individual~~ according to claim 2, further comprising levying a

charge on a hospital when the hospital acquires the patient user's ~~individual~~ medical treatment information from the database.

5. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of a patient user ~~an individual~~ according to claim 2, further comprising levying a charge on a hospital when the hospital saves updated patient user medical treatment information in the database.

6. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of a patient user ~~an individual~~ according to claim 3, further comprising levying a charge on the patient user when the patient user views the patient user's medical treatment information.

7. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of a patient user ~~an individual~~ according to claim 2, further comprising altering the user password using the user ID and the user password.

8. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of a patient user ~~an individual~~ according to claim 2, further comprising altering the second password using the user ID and the user password.

9. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of a patient user ~~an individual~~ according to claim 2, further comprising notifying a hospital requesting updated patient user medical treatment information if updated patient user medical treatment information is not saved in the database within a predetermined time after the hospital has acquired the patient user medical treatment information from the database.

10. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of a patient user ~~an individual~~ according to claim 2, further comprising sending a notification of the updating of the patient user's medical treatment information to the patient user when updated patient user medical treatment information is saved in the database.

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11. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of a patient user ~~an individual~~ according to claim 2, further comprising restricting access by a hospital to the space where the patient user's medical treatment information is stored when the patient user specifies the hospital using the user ID and the user password.

12. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of a patient user ~~an individual~~ according to claim 2, further comprising:

incorporating a cooperating company terminal that is used by a cooperating company that is in cooperation with whoever is managing the database is incorporated into the network system and, using this network system;

providing the cooperating company with a cooperating company ID and cooperating company password;

allowing the patient user to give permission for the individual medical treatment information to be made available to the cooperating company using the user ID and user password as keys; and

providing the cooperating company with the patient user's medical treatment information from the database using the cooperating company ID and cooperating company password as keys.

13. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of a patient user ~~an individual~~ according to claim 12, further comprising levying a charge on the cooperating company when the cooperating company acquires the patient user's medical treatment information from the database.

14. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of a patient user ~~an individual~~ according to claim 2, further comprising including treatment costs in the patient user's medical treatment information.

15. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of a patient user ~~an individual~~ according to claim 14, further comprising issuing the

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patient user a treatment cost report calculated from the treatment costs on the database using the user ID and user password.

16. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of a patient user ~~an individual~~ according to claim 2, further comprising:

sending the database terminal a request from the hospital terminal or from the cooperating company terminal for the patient user's medical treatment information of the user to be made available and transfers the request to the user terminal of the patient user; and

receiving an approval from the user terminal regarding the request for the patient user's medical treatment information to be made available.

17. (Currently Amended) A computerized system comprising:

a database containing information concerning medical treatment of a patient user ~~wherein the user is a patient~~;

a first computer readable medium containing a program that when executed by a processor in the computerized system sends a user password and a second password to a user terminal;

a second computer readable medium containing a program that when executed by a processor in the computerized system requests the second password when a person other than the patient user accesses the database containing the information; and

a third computer readable medium containing a program that when executed by a processor in the computerized system provides information about the second password from the patient user to the person.

18. (Currently Amended) The [[computer]] computerized system according to claim 17, further comprising a fourth computer readable medium containing a program that when executed by a processor in the computerized system requests the user password when the second password is altered.

19.-21. (Canceled)

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